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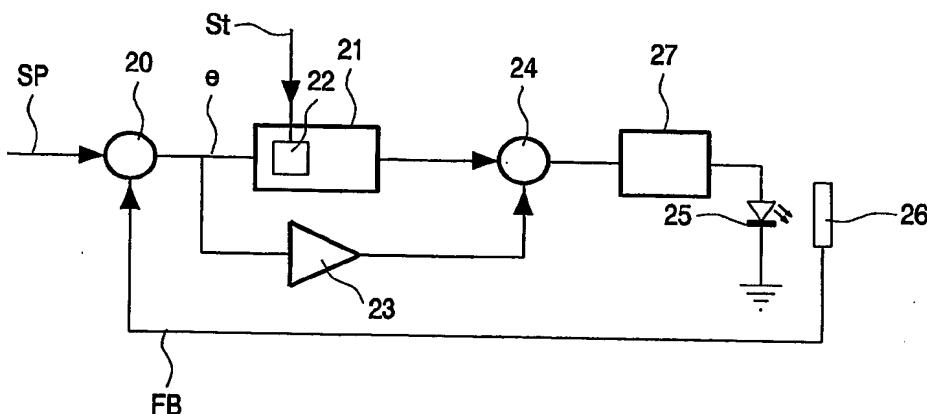
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(57) Abstract: The invention pertains to a method of controlling radiation power of a radiation source (25) comprising the steps of a) measuring a radiated power of the radiation source (25), b) calculating an error value (e) which is indicative of a difference between the measured radiated power and a setpoint value (SP), c) integrating the error value (e) to obtain an integrated error value by feeding the error value to an integrator (21), d) multiplying the error value (e) with a factor p to obtain a proportional error value, e) driving the radiation source (25) with a current which is derived from the error value (e) by adding the integrated error value and the proportional error value, f) providing a step signal (St) which indicates that the setpoint value (SP) is changed stepwise, and g) temporarily stopping the integration of the error value (e) when the step signal (St) indicates a stepwise change in the setpoint value (SP). By temporarily stopping the integrator (21) from integrating the error value (e) does not wind up. Only the proportional value is used to drive the radiation source (25). This ensures that the radiation power is controlled fast to a value near the setpoint value (SP). When the integrator (21) is allowed to integrate again, then the error value (e) is reduced further. Also, the overshoot is reduced.

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